

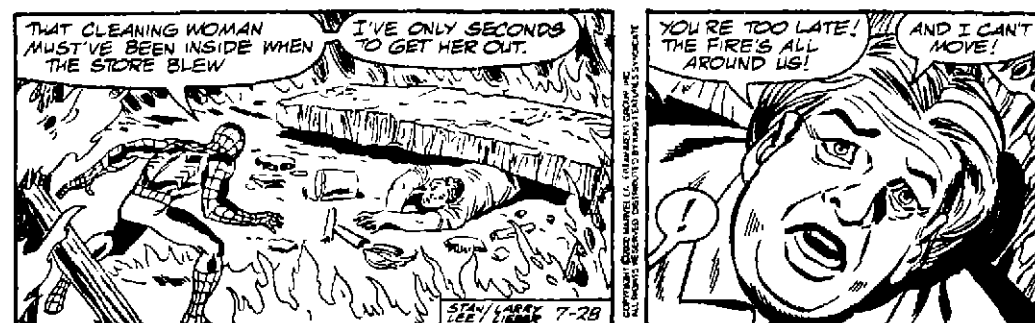
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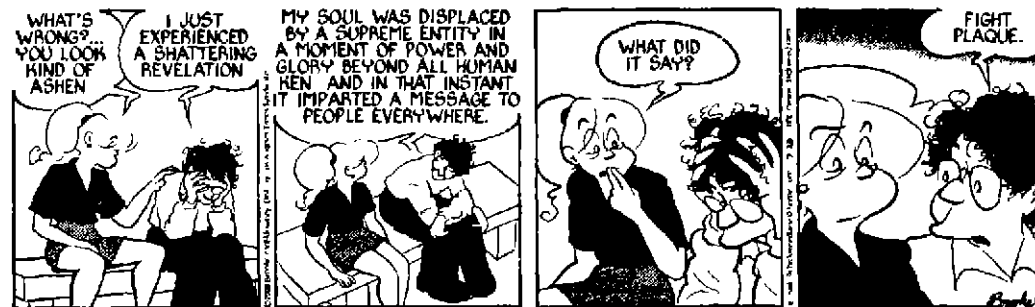
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



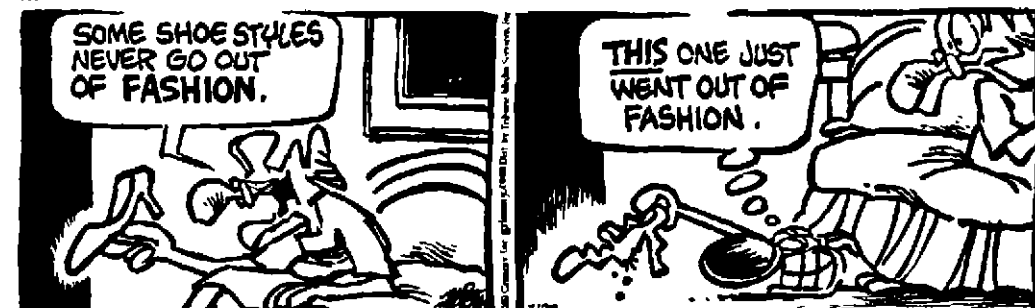
ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



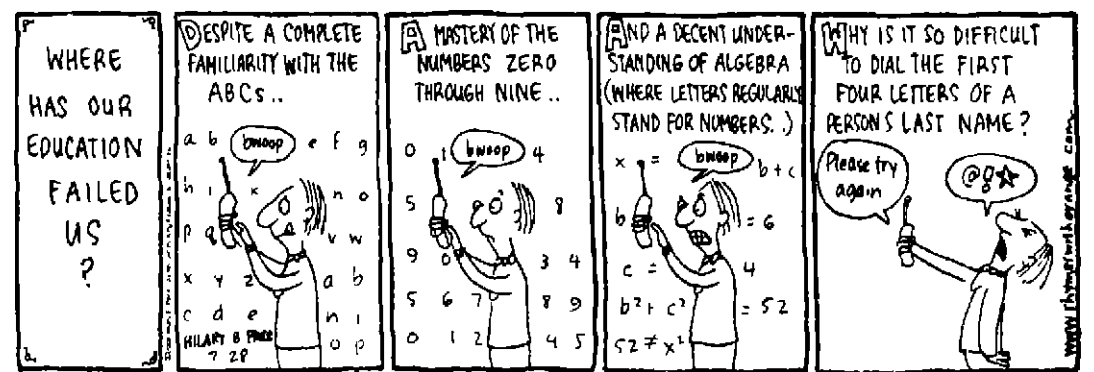
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Movie director Andrew V. McLaglen is 80
Actor Darryl Hickman is 69
"Garfield" creator Jim Davis is 55
Rock musician Rick Wright (Pink Floyd) is 55
Singer Jonathan Edwards is 54
Actress Linda Kelsey is 54
Actress Sally Struthers is 52
Actress Georgia Engel is 52
Actor Michael Hayden is 37
Actress Elizabeth Berkley is 28
Actor Jonathan Oser is 11

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PAR SCORE 130-140 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each rack. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. "Banks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Unabridged). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 7/28/00 ©2000 United Feature Syndicate Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

JUMP—

V B X U Q N J G D Z W E T Q N
K H D A X U R P Y M P J G D A
X D R A O B R E V O L V S Q N
K I F D A S T A R T I L X D V
T Q O M J H F C A Y A R A E E
W U R P N L J H F D B E O B N
Z X V T R Q O M K I H S F I
F D B T Z P Y K C A B F F O L
W V E T I R Q O N U G E H T E
N J L H K U I H F D C A Z U H
X W S N O I S U L C N O C O T

Thursday's worded clue: ANDRETTI

Find the word words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday's worded clue: OVER THE SIDE OF A BOAT

Ahead	Jet	Seat	The gun
Back	Off	Ship	The line
Bel	Out of bed	Start	To conclusions
For joy	Rope	Suit	

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, July 29

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Recuperate from a long day by doing something relaxing with that special someone.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your sensitive and caring attitude will make a huge difference to someone.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Use your energy to make plans for the future. People will definitely hear what you have to say.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Now is the time to rank the priorities in your life.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A stranger will give you some much-needed guidance on a business matter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Some close relationships will come into question. Do not be too upset by differences of opinion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Career will be first and foremost on your agenda.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You will finally be in control of a situation that's been making you feel powerless.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You may not be prepared for the obvious solution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Something suddenly beckons you to bravely explore the unknown.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Your worldview has recently shifted, and it's time you sought out more like-minded associates.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Put your money where your mouth is.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

At the first table, West led his club eight to East's ace, and East returned the club queen. South won and led his singleton heart toward dummy. West grabbed the ace. West shifted belatedly to his trump queen.

When East discarded, South ducked. West continued with the jack to South's ace, and South countered by cashing his king and giving West two more trump tricks. Trapped, West had no safe exit. Either red-suit lead would allow South to finesse in diamonds, limiting his losses to three trumps, a heart and a club.

The more successful West chose a passive defense, leading his trump queen. With his sturdy trump stack, he reasoned there would be plenty of time to switch if necessary. South ducked West's trump queen, took West's jack, and exited with a small trump. Persistent West won and led another trump. With nothing to gain with another duck, South won and led a diamond to dummy's 10 and East's king. East's club ace completed the rout. South could not avoid losing three trumps and a trick in each side suit for a bottom score. As today's deal demonstrates, when you hold trump control, it's often best to defend passively.

NORTH		♠ 28-A
♠ 9-4-2	♥ 10-9-5	♦ 10-8
♣ 9-7-3		
WEST		EAST
♠ 7-10-8-7	♥ 7-4-3	♦ 8-6
♣ 6-2	♠ 7-4	♦ 10-8-5
♠ 8-4		
SOUTH		
♠ A-K-6-5-3	♥ 2	♦ J-9-5-3
♣ K-2		

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

The bidding
East 1♠ South 1♥ West 2♥ North 3♥

1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 2♥ 3♥ 3♥ 3♥ 3♥

Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♠

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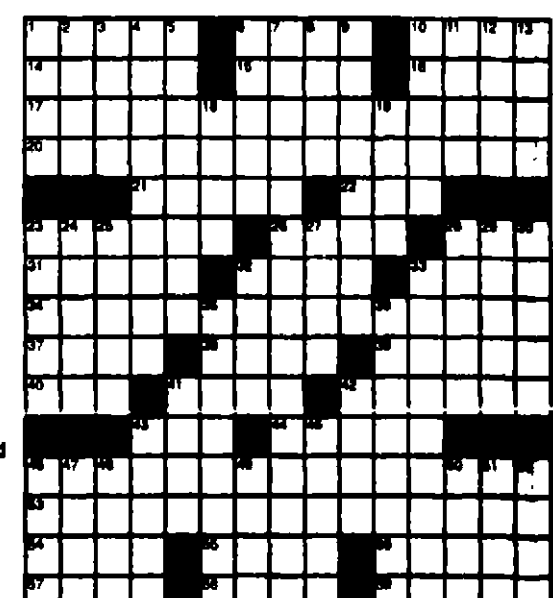
- One of the Reagans
- One flu source
- Italian artist Bernini
- Spanish skating figures
- Some batpoints
- Tense
- Reprove
- Repeated phrase in a children's verse
- Tibia connectors
- Preschooler
- Flamboyant enemy
- Bounding site?
- Contemptible one
- Heraldic hue

DOWN

- Ford product, briefly
- Merry king
- What higher prices may produce
- Members of the flock
- Code word
- Plumaged for
- Court tips
- Late-60's fashion item
- Depressing
- Jesus, with "the"
- Gang business's need
- Part of a Washington address?
- Hedonistic
- Road producer
- "Yellow ribbon"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ONEO CLAWS YEGS
NANA HELIC OSLO
ADAM OUTDO STUN
WATERS REPEDES
PROFESSION PLUM
IDEA INHARRY
BUSTED TING TONG
INTHEEDINGMONG
CDW INET LANKS
KOALAS MOAN
WYTHWENHRENOM
APPLEDUS NEULUA
MOOT ABASE TUBS
OOLE NEVER TINT
SOLD STVES SAGE



Made by Barry Neumann

- Wassailers' times
- Domingo delivery
- Moving line
- Taj Mahal, sought
- Lake some pipes
- Four kings, maybe
- Steward
- Replay causes
- "Haw"
- Feature of a lunar landscape
- Big name in fruit
- Muddle
- Speak again
- "Haw"
- Triple-decker
- Prefix with magnetic
- Fiddlers for 33-Across, e.g.
- Foreign money
- Memo starter
- I's

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